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POWERFUL INDICTMENT AGAINST CIA

BOB CONSIDINE: "Hello everybody -- the most powerful indictment of a U. S. government bureau I've seen in a long time was Senator Eugene McCarthy's glare at the CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY in the Saturday Evening Post. His point seems well taken when he writes, and I quote, 'The CIA modestly hints that it has overthrown foreign governments, admits that it violates international law, and does not deny that one of its exploits wrecked a summit conference. The CIA in short is making foreign policy,' the Minnesota Democrat states in the Post's provocative 'Speaking Out' department. 'The CIA,' he continues, 'is assuming the roles of the President and of the Congress. It has taken on the character of an invisible government, answerable only to itself.'

"The Senator wants to make CIA much more accountable to the President and to Congress. It sure has bloomed since it was born, of the wartime OSS, when created by Congress in 1947, at what was the beginning of the cold war -- the CIA had few employees, not much of an appropriation, and certainly no power to make foreign policy on its own. Well now it has 14,000 employees, and occupies an overpowering \$60 million dollar sanctuary on the outskirts of Washington. All matter dropped into waste baskets at the CIA building, including sodden paper coffee cups, is collected in special red and white paper bags at the end of the day, and burned by trusted employees. No employee from the head man down, to the newest stenographer in the stenographic pool can leave the building without surrendering his or her trash.

"The CIA did not consider it necessary, or perhaps even wise to alert President Eisenhower to the fact that it was sending a U-2 straight across the heart of the Soviet Union, just two weeks before Ike was to meet Khrushchev at the summit in Paris, a meeting that would be followed by the President's trip to the Soviet Union, and appearances on its television and radio -- all went to pot of course when Francis Gary Powers was shot down over Sverdlosk. Lord knows what the CIA did not tell JFK about the preparations for the Bay of Pigs invasion. And last year it was meddling in Viet Nam with what amounted to its own army of Vietnamese mercenaries, some of whom were used against Buddhists. Senator Eugene McCarthy is right --

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